

By the Committee on Education; and Commissioners Washington and Plymale

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1 A proposal to create
2 Section 8 of Article IX of the State Constitution to
3 specify the purposes of the State College System and
4 to provide for the governance structure of the system.

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6 Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of
7 Florida:

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9 Section 8 of Article IX of the State Constitution is
10 amended to read:

11 ARTICLE IX

12 EDUCATION

13 SECTION 8. State College System.-

14 (a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence and to provide
15 access to undergraduate education to the students of this state;
16 to originate articulated pathways to a baccalaureate degree; to
17 ensure superior commitment to teaching and learning; and to
18 respond quickly and efficiently to meet the demand of
19 communities by aligning certificate and degree programs with
20 local and regional workforce needs, the people hereby establish
21 a system of governance for the state college system of Florida.

22 (b) STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM. There shall be a single state
23 college system comprised of all public community and state
24 colleges. A local board of trustees shall govern each state
25 college system institution and the state board of education
26 shall supervise the state college system.

27 (c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each state college system
28 institution shall be governed by a local board of trustees
29 dedicated to the purposes of the state college system. A member
30 of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service
31 delivery area of the college. The powers and duties of the

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32 boards of trustees shall be provided by law. Each member shall
33 be appointed by the governor to staggered 4-year terms, subject
34 to confirmation by the senate.

35 (d) ROLE OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. The state board
36 of education shall supervise the state college system as
37 provided by law.